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Notice of Removal and Transfer on Registry List

(Sections 9-35-1 to 9-35-2)

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Sec. 9-35-1. Notice of removal

- (a) The notice of removal issued pursuant to <u>Conn. Gen. Stats.</u> § 9-35 shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of the State and shall be in both the English and Spanish languages in affected municipalities; in nonaffected municipalities the notice of removal may be in the English language only. For purposes of this section, affected municipalities shall mean all municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, as reflected on the latest known extrapolations from the Director of the Census, are Hispanic-Americans, including all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- (b) The registrars of voters shall send this notice of removal by first class mail to the last-known address of each elector whose name has been or will be removed from the registry list. The envelope in which the notice of removal is sent to electors shall be endorsed with the words: READ CAREFULLY. DO NOT LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE. In municipalities with a significant minority population, the registrars of voters shall request the United States Postal Service to forward all notices of removal and supply to the registrars of voters the address corrections of such forwarded notices of removal by endorsing the envelopes in which notices of removal are sent to electors with the endorsement "Forwarding and Address Correction Requested." Each municipality with a significant minority population shall provide its registrars of voters with funds sufficient to pay all postal costs in connection with forwarding notices of removal and address corrections received. For purposes of this section, municipalities with a significant minority population shall mean all municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, as reflected on the latest known extrapolations from the Director of the Census, are minorities, and minority shall mean (1) Black Americans, including all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin; (2) Hispanic Americans, including all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; (3) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; or (4) American Indians and persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North American and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification.
- (c) In any case in which the registrars of voters receive an address correction from the postal service which indicates an elector's address has changed within the municipality, the registrars of voters shall transfer the name of such elector on the registry list to the elector's new residence.

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Sec. 9-35-2. Transfer on registry list

(a) An elector who changes his address within a municipality may, at any time, pursuant to <u>Conn. Gen. Stats.</u> § 9-35, request that his registration be transferred to his new address by presenting a written request therefor to either registrar of voters, by letter or upon the form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, stating his present address, the date he moved to such present address, and the address at which he was last registered,

provided that a request received on election day or primary day, as hereinafter provided, shall contain a written statement by the elector, under penalties of false statement, that such elector has not voted prior to the time of such request for transfer at said election or primary either by absentee ballot or in person at any other polling place. The request for transfer of registration must be signed by the elector and submitted either in person or by mail by either the elector or any person of the elector's choice. Upon receipt of a request for transfer of registration, such registrar shall forthwith transfer the elector's name on the registry list to the elector's new residence. Requests for transfer of registration may be made on election or primary day at a polling place by submitting such request to the registrar(s) of voters (singly in a primary) or assistant registrar(s) of voters (singly in a primary) if a registrar is not present at the polling place. Upon receipt at a polling place of a request for transfer of registration by an assistant registrar(s) on election or primary day, such official(s) shall contact the registrar(s) of voters for the purpose of verifying that the elector's name appears on the registry list at his former address. Upon such verification such official(s) shall immediately enter the elector's name on the registry list at the elector's new residence, attach the completed request for transfer thereto, and the elector shall be permitted to vote. No elector shall be required to appear in person at the office of the registrars to request a transfer of registration on election or primary day. Before the close of the polls, the registrar(s) must contact the polling place officials at the polling place in the voting district where the elector was formerly registered to notify such polling place officials to remove the elector from the registry list.

(b) The prescribed form for request for transfer of registration shall be in both the English and Spanish languages in affected municipalities, as defined in Section 9-35-1(a), and shall be available in ample supply from the registrars of voters; in nonaffected municipalities the prescribed form for request for transfer of registration may be in the English language only.

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